

Okotoks 2020 Deer Count

Who: Urban Deer Task Force and Parks Staff, Naturelynx users

When: January 22, 2020 at 4:00-6:00pm and/or January 23, 2020 at 4:00-6:00pm
Deer Count is 4:30-5:30

Where: Operations Education Classroom

Why: The event is to continue to track deer population numbers within the Town of Okotoks

Be prepared:

- ✓ Get the NatureLynx app on your smartphone and test it out ahead of time (If you don't have a smartphone, pick up a hardcopy data reporting form at Town of Okotoks Operations 100, 1118 N Railway St in advance of the count (Hours M-F 7:30am-4pm).
- ✓ binoculars
- ✓ dress for the weather - layers, toque, gloves, comfortable walking shoes
- ✓ For your safety, do not approach deer
- ✓ To avoid potential incidents of conflict, we recommend you leave dogs at home

What to do:

Meet at the Operations Center Outdoor Classroom at 4:00. Pick up hard copies of route and forms. Confirm route and instructions. During the official deer count (1 hour time slot above), begin reporting deer that you see right within the NatureLynx app (or using the hardcopy form). Continue walking and reporting up to the deer count end time. Return to Operations Center Outdoor Classroom at 5:30 to submit hardcopy forms.

After the deer count:

If you used the app, NatureLynx will compile the data reported and the Town will make the data available publicly.

The data will be use to continue to monitor the deer population data for Okotoks. Continue reporting deer or other fauna and flora using NatureLynx to help with biodiversity monitoring in Okotoks as often as you like!

Deer Data Collection Sheet:

Volunteer Name _____

Route Name/Number _____

Location (add numbers to map as you see deer)	Time	Location Description P - mowed park, golf course N - natural area park R - residential area V - river valley O - outside town limit	Quantity	Mule or Whitetail (M or W)	Doe	Fawn	Buck	# of Points on Antlers	Activity & Comments (grazing, laying down, travelling, running)
example	10:24am	N – natural area park	2	M	0	0	2	2, 3	Crossing 32St north of Seaman Stadium, heading east.
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Additional Instructions:

- Draw the route in your area that you walk. Include start, finish, and direction arrows.

- A fawn only refers to the current year's offspring. A yearling is either a buck or doe.